

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RACHEL MARIE WHITTED,
(#1212277), aka Ralph Whitted

Case No. 3:21-cv-00033-MMD-WGC

ORDER

Plaintiff

v.

CHARGE NURSE LAURA.

Defendant

I. DISCUSSION

On January 15, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed two applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-2, 1, 1-1). Plaintiff’s applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* at ECF Nos. 1 and 1-1 are both incomplete. Specifically, the financial certificate contained in Plaintiff’s application at ECF No. 1, is not on this Court’s approved form. Additionally, Plaintiff’s full application at ECF No. 1-1 is not on this Court’s approved form and does not have the required financial documents attached thereto. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff’s applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* at ECF Nos. 1, 1-1 without prejudice because the applications are incomplete.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

(1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),

(2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

(3) a copy of the inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

The Court will grant Plaintiff a one-time extension to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before **March 29, 2021**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents on or before **March 29, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$402 on or before **March 29, 2021** to proceed with this case.

The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF Nos. 1, 1-1) are denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **March 29, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52

1 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

2 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* for Inmate** on this
3 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two
4 signatures on page 3),
5 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
6 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
7 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
8 **previous six-month period.**

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete
10 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402
11 filing fee for a civil action on or before **March 29, 2021**, this case will be subject to
12 dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case
13 number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to
14 proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$402 filing fee.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint
16 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

17 DATED: January 21, 2021

18 *Walter G. Cobb*

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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